

## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

IHBG assisted activities are subject to the requirement of Executive Order 12898 – Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations. Grantees must identify and address activities that may have a disproportionately high and adverse impact on minority populations and low-income populations.

**Threshold for Review:** Properties that have adverse environmental impact.

**Level of Concurrence Required:** A determination by the Tribe that the proposed site/ project is not located in an area that has a new, continued or historically disproportionate potential for high and adverse effects on minority or low-income populations; and that the proposed site or neighborhood does not suffer from disproportionate adverse health and environmental effects relative to the community at large.

### **Basic Steps to Obtain Concurrence:**

1. Review the proposed site to determine whether it is in close proximity to an area with the potential to have adverse human health effects. (i.e.: Brownfield, old landfill, sewer lagoon, floodplain issues, clean air, above ground storage tanks, and noise.) **WE RECOMMEND YOU CONSIDER THIS AFTER ALL OTHER LAWS AND AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED.**
2. If your site does not have environmental issues, prepare a determination that the proposed site is not likely to raise environmental justice issues and include it in your ERR file.
3. If your site does have environmental issues, you must do an analysis using the attached checklist to see if there is a disproportional impact on low income and minority populations.

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Additional information regarding Environmental Justice and Executive Order 12898 can be found on the Internet at the following address:

### **Environmental Protection Agency – Environmental Justice Program:**

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice>

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